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SUBJ: GOB ALARMED BY LOW TIN PRICE

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1. PRESENCIA DAILY OF SEPTEMBER 3 IN FRONT PAGE ARTICLE QUOTED COMIBOL'S GENERAL MANAGER, AFTER MEETING WITH MINMINES, TO EFFECT COMIBOL'S TIN PRODUCTION AND MARKETING COSTS IN LAST THREE MONTHS ARE SHIGHER THAN LONDON TIN PRICE. MEDIUM AND SMALL MINIR REPRESENTATIVES ALSO EXPRESSED ALARM ON LOW TIN PRICES AND URGED GOB TO ADOPT EMERGENCY MEASURES TO SAVE MINING INDUSTRY FROM ECONOMIC DISASTER. NATIONAL MINING COUNCIL COMPOSED OF THREE ENTITIES ABOVE, COOPERATIVE ORGANIZATIONS, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GOB MINISTRIES DECLARED ITSELF IN PERMANENT SESSION WITH CONSULTING AGENCIES OF EACH SECTOR IN ORDER TO ANALYZE BEST METHODS TO OBTAIN RELIEF CAUSED BY LOW TIN PRICE. HARVARD'S MISSION TO INVESTIGATE AND RECOMMEND METHODS OF MINING TAXATION REPORTEDLY WILL DELIVER DRAFT OF CONCLUSIONS BY OCTOBER 15 AND WILL DELIVER FINAL REPORT DECEMBER 20.

3. SINCE BOLIVIAN INCLINATION IS TO BLAME DECLINING PRICES ON GSA STOCKPILE SALES (MENTIONED IN SEVERAL MINOR PRESS ARTICLES UNCLASSIFIED

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LAST FEW DAYS) EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON

GSA TIN SALES FOR JULY AND AUGUST, 1975.

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